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**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q53829

Takeshi FUNAHASHI, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/281,969

Group Art Unit: 2624

Confirmation No.: 7976

Examiner: Stephen M. Brinich

Filed: March 31, 1999

For: IMAGE NORMALIZATION PROCESSING SYSTEM

**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the interview conducted on  
January 20, 2004:

**REMARKS**

An Examiner's Interview Summary Record (PTO-413) was attached with the  
communication dated January 28, 2004.

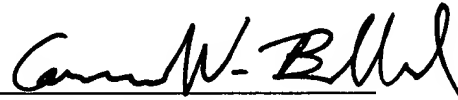
During the interview, the following was discussed:

1. Identification of claims discussed: 1-4, 6 and 23.
2. Identification of art discussed: Yamakita et al.
3. Brief Identification of principal arguments: the arguments presented in the Response  
under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed October 2, 2003 and the arguments presented in the Response  
under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c) filed December 2, 2003.

4. Results of Interview: Agreement was reached that the Examiner would review the prior art to determine if it requires determination of the normalization processing condition other than in the "reading side" element, which would preclude a reading on the limitation that this condition is determined on the reading side.

**It is believed that no petition or fee is required.** However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,



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